

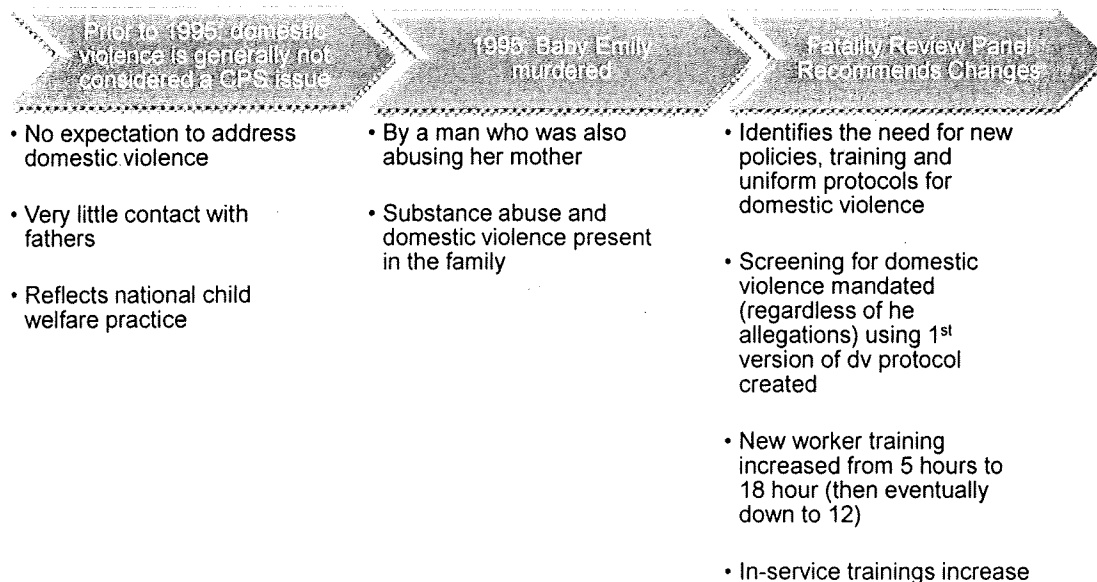
Making good decisions for children impacted by batterers

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

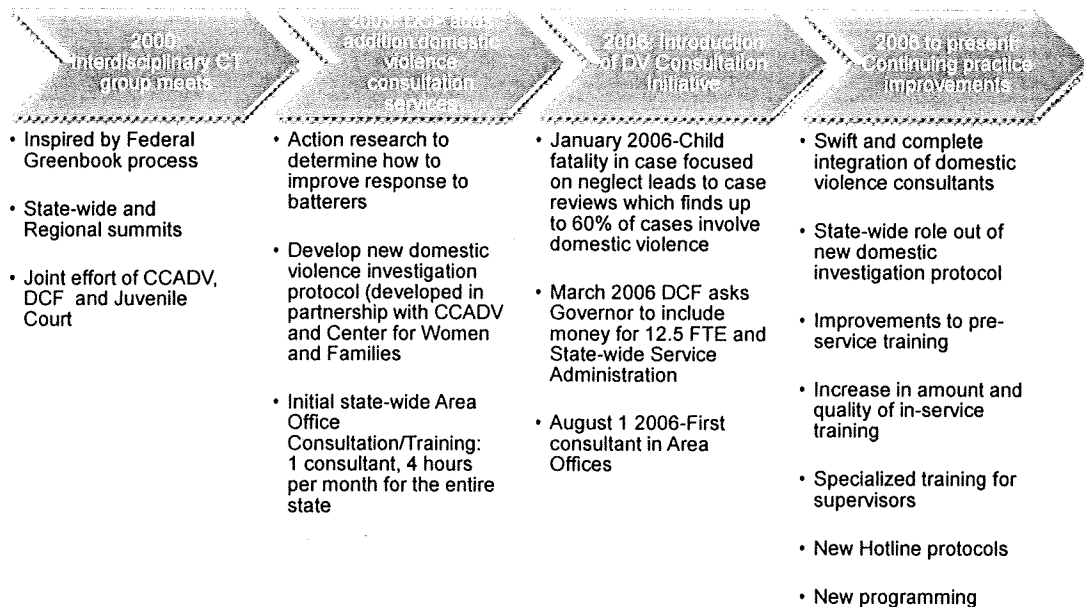
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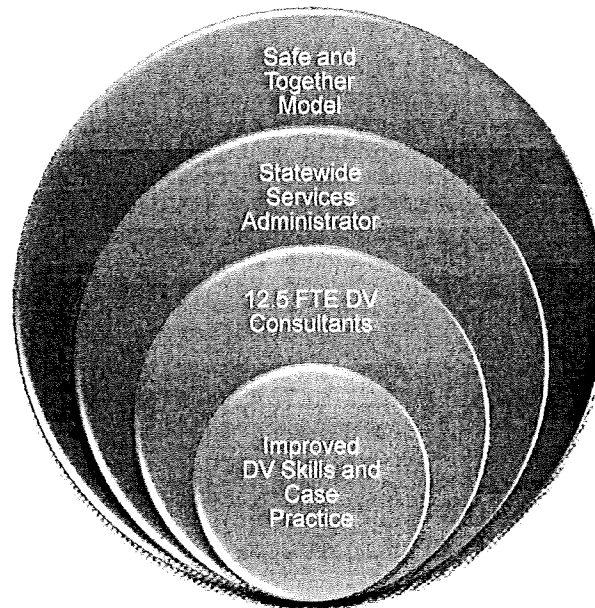
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4 PILLARS OF DCF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EFFORT

- ✕ Improve competencies and practice through training and improved protocols/tools
- ✕ Utilize private sector domestic violence expertise to improve practice at every level of the organization
- ✕ Develop and implement innovative contracted domestic violence services for families
- ✕ Promote cross system collaboration

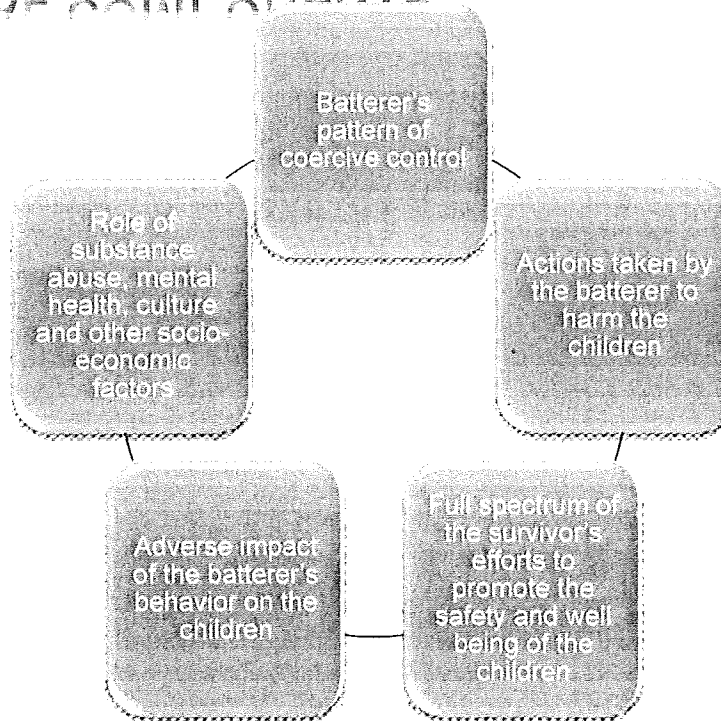
DCF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONSULTATION INITIATIVE



SAFE AND TOGETHER PRINCIPLES

	Children ideally should be safe and together with non-offending parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • Healing from trauma • Stability/nurturance
	Partnership with non-offending parent should be child welfare's default position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise indicated • Efficient • Effective
	Partnerships depend on comprehensive assessment of non-offending parent's strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds on non-offending parents strengths • Less likely to increase danger • More likely to lead to effective plans
	Intervene with perpetrators to reduce risk to children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualize • Engage • Make "visible"

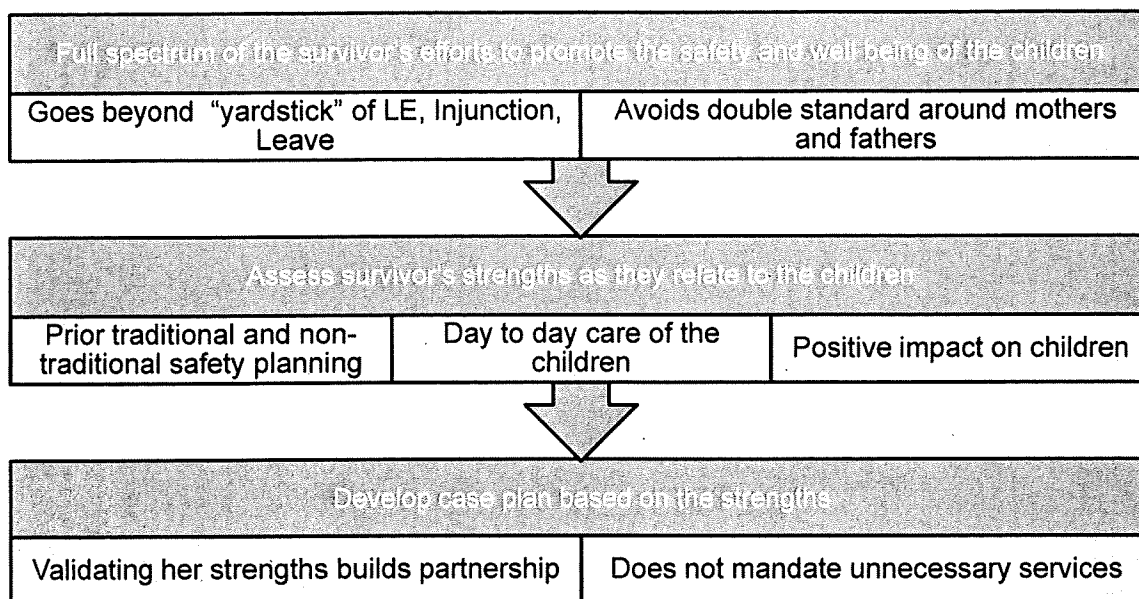
CRITICAL COMPONENTS



CONSULTATION INITIATIVE STATISTICS HIGHLIGHTS

- × Over 7000 case consultation activities in 2008
 - + Represents over 3700 unique cases
- × Over 90 trainings (2008)
 - + Over 2000 DCF staff and community partners trained
 - × Over 33 trainings for DCF community partners
 - × Pilot presentation to CCADV member agencies
- × Supervising domestic violence case training
 - + Over 100 supervisors/managers trained (in service)
 - + Mandatory component to all new supervisors' training

STRENGTHS BASED APPROACH TO NON-OFFENDING PARENT



CASE PRACTICE CONCEPTS WITH BATTERERS

